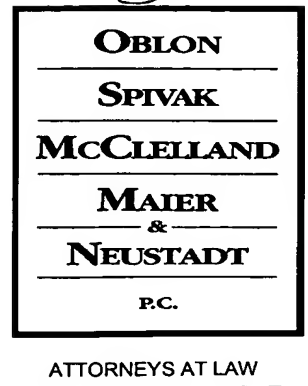




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Applicants: Yoshihiko IJIMA, et al.
Filing Date: February 4, 2004
For: PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR AND A METHOD
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Group Art Unit: 3643
Examiner: SON T. NGUYEN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 28, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a plant growth regulator for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a plant growth regulator;

Group II: Claims 14 and 15, drawn to a method of producing a plant growth regulator;

Group III: Claim 16, drawn to a method of dwarfing a young plant; and

Group IV: Claim 17, drawn to a dwarfing plant.

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